

Board Schedules Hearings On A Proposed Rulemaking To Amend Exemptions From State Permitting Requirements

On March 17, 2005, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted for hearing a proposed rulemaking to revise the Board's air construction and operating permit regulations. On February 22, 2005, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group jointly filed this rulemaking docketed as Proposed Amendments To Exemptions From State Permitting Requirements (R05-19). The proponents state the proposal is designed to eliminate permitting delays for minor projects having little environmental or regulatory impact.

This rulemaking seeks to add four categories to the existing list of permit exemptions in Section 201.146 as follows:

1. Replacement or Addition of Air Pollution Control Equipment for Existing Emissions Units;
2. New Emission Units and Modification to Existing Emissions Units at Facilities with Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOPs);
3. New Emission Units or Modifications to Existing Emission Units at Permitted Sources That Are Not Major Sources or FESOPs, and;
4. Insignificant Activities at Clean Air Act Permit Program Sources

The Board has scheduled two public hearings in this rulemaking. The first hearing is Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room (11-512) in the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street in Chicago. The second hearing is scheduled for June 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, (North Entrance) in Springfield.

Written comments should contain the rulemaking title and docket number (R05-19) and should be sent to the Clerk's Office at the following address:

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